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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., February 1, 2013 -- All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2013, in Nebraska totaled 6.30 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.86 million head, were 4 percent below last year. The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 1.72 million head, up 2 percent from 2011. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled 2.55 million head, down 4 percent from last year.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2013 totaled 89.3 million head, 2 percent below the 90.8 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.5 million, were down 2 percent from the 39.4 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cows and heifers that have calved since the 36.8 million head in 1941.

The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 34.3 million head, down 3 percent from 2011. This is the smallest calf crop since the 33.7 million born during 1949.

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